

1 unless the General Assembly shall provide an earlier date.

2 In effect, therefore, we are saying that since
3 a number of counties do not have charters and since the
4 time required to get an effective charter or instrument of
5 government may very well take them on into the elections
6 in the fall of 1970, we are saying that there is not going
7 to be a constitutional requirement that the local govern-
8 ment articles go into effect until January the sixth, 1971.
9 It is on that date that your new county executives or
10 county councils or whatever they are going to be called
11 will then take office and the old county commissioners
12 will go out of existence in all of the councils.

13 Section 38 provides that the General Assembly
14 shall by law set up a procedure for the adoption of an
15 instrument of government for the various counties and then
16 it goes on to provide that the General Assembly can have a
17 model charter or model instrument of government and it is
18 this model charter or model instrument which will auto-
19 matically go into effect in the various counties that for
20 one reason or another failed to adopt an instrument of
21 Government in time for the elections of 1970.